

Sustainable Planning and Development

"Installations for the Future"

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Installations

Why do we have installations?

- Places to equip, train, sustain, and deploy the force
- Home communities for soldiers and their families
- The Army's "face" to the nation
- Part of the Army Title X United States Code



Future Installations "Change is inevitable"

What will they look like?

- Larger or smaller
- Fewer or more
- Same or different missions
- Single purpose or multi-purpose
- Self contained or places to work

Common Theme: Need installations to maintain a trained and ready Army



Installation "Viability" "Long-term"

Important issues:

- Encroachment
- Land
- Noise
- Water

- Energy
- Air Space
- Endangered Species
- Physical Plant
- Carrying Capacity

Sustainable Planning and Development – A method to help deal with these issues



What is Sustainable Planning and Development?

Planning is:

Establish goals - establish courses of action - execute

Sustainable Planning adds to the middle step:

- Consideration of long-term potential impacts of actions on our environment and on our surrounding communities.
- Consideration of impacts of outside influences on long-term installation viability.

This means:

Decision Makers must interject protection and enhancement of the long-term military viability of our installations into planning and operations.



Sustainable Planning and Development

Sustainable installations involve planning and development "that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

The Brundtland Commission

What does it do?

- Guides investment toward long-range installation capabilities
- Engenders long-term cooperation with surrounding communities
- Steers operational and managerial practices to ensure continued mission support
- Enhances awareness of relationship between natural and built environments



Implementation

Implementing sustainable planning and development

- Proactive integration of environmental compliance in everyday operations
- Active communication and formal agreements between an installation and surrounding communities
- Use of Nature in planning and design
- Adaptive reuse of existing real property
- Land carrying capacity



Institutionalization

Policies and Practices – Relatively Easy

- Policy guidance on building design practices
- Review and update standard design program/designs
- Update regulations, technical guidance and doctrine

Perspective of Decision Making – Relatively Hard

"In our every deliberation, we shall consider the impacts of our decision upon the next seven generations"

Law of the Iroquois Confederacy